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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/3
PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES
(Revised)

FOREWORD

1. NSCID No. 1, paragraph 3 requires that a Director of Central Intelligence Directive provide "identification from time to time, and on a current basis, of Priority National Intelligence Objectives with reference to specific countries and subjects," which are to be issued for "general intelligence guidance." The following list is established pursuant to that requirement and replaces that contained in DCID No. 1/3, dated 1 July 1966, which is hereby rescinded.

2. Most of the intelligence required for the formulation and execution of national security policy is produced in consonance with the Comprehensive National Intelligence Objectives similarly prescribed by NSCID No. 1 and contained in DCID No. 1/2. But beyond that general catalogue, which treats most subjects of intelligence interest, NSCID No. 1 requires "the establishment of specific priorities for the production of national and other

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intelligence and for collection and other activities in support thereof." At the same time it is essential to avoid a listing of priorities which is either so voluminous or so general as to encourage a wasteful diffusion of effort.

3. Accordingly, the Priority National Intelligence Objectives are hereby defined as those fundamental questions affecting national survival, which taken together constitute the most critical long-range substantive problems confronting the intelligence community as a whole. Because they do not change drastically from year to year, these questions will for planning purposes be considered valid for the next several years, but will be reviewed from time to time on the motion of any member of the United States Intelligence Board. It must be emphasized that the priority assigned to these problems as a whole does not necessarily apply to every aspect of them. Conversely, the fact that a problem is omitted from this list does not necessarily mean that it is not of great importance.

4. It is possible to identify in advance some of these other important questions, many of which are of a comparatively local or transitory character. Such questions will be contained in a separate supplement to this Directive which will be reviewed

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as conditions warrant, upon motion of any member of the USIB.
It is the intent of the USIB to keep this supplemental list short
and specific, in order to concentrate maximum attention upon the
few subjects which are most important at any one time.

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The Priority National Intelligence Objectives

1. Maximum prior warning of impending military attack on the US, on US forces overseas, or on any country which the US is committed to defend.
2. Maximum prior warning of political or military developments in areas of critical interest to the US, and particularly where US forces are engaged in combat, which carry serious risk of military involvement of the USSR or Communist China.
3. Major changes in the objectives and intentions of the leadership of the Soviet Union and Communist China.
4. The military forces of the Soviet Union and of Communist China: capabilities, current and prospective deployment, intentions with regard to their development and employment, with particular emphasis on major changes respecting nuclear weapons and the means for delivery, and strategic defenses.
5. Changes in international alignments or stability which could seriously damage the power position of the US.

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